

Basic Demographic Comparison of Montgomery County vs. State of Maryland 2009 ACS

Total number of Seniors - Montgomery County

- 65+ = 119,511 (12.3% of county population) ... MoCo has 17.1% of entire State 65+ population
 - (within 65+)
 - 83,045 White Non-Hispanic 71.1%
 - 12,845 African-American 10.4%
 - 14,473 Asian 11.3%
 - 8,542 Hispanic 6.6%

Statewide, Montgomery County has disproportionate share of Asian and Hispanic elderly:

- 3.8% of seniors (n = 24,896) are Asian, which translates to 58% of all elderly Asian seniors in State reside in Montgomery County (vs. only 17% overall of seniors are in MoCo);
- 2.3% of seniors (n = 15,048) are Hispanic, which translates to 56.8% of all elderly Hispanic seniors in State reside in Montgomery County

Vast majority of seniors are “aging in place” in current home:

- 93.0% of individuals age 65+ are residing in same home as in prior year
- 92.3% of individuals age 75+ are residing in same home as in prior year
- across all age groups it is 85.2% ... hence older adults are less likely to move on a yearly basis than the population at large
- Compared to Maryland as a whole, there is no discernable difference in moving/migration trends

Living Alone:

- County
 - 25.5% of seniors (age 65+) live alone, with much higher percentage for women (36.1%) compared to men (14.7%). Women are more likely to live alone due to greater likelihood of outliving their husbands.
 - 36% of owner occupied residents of seniors involve person “living alone”
 - 69% of senior renters are “living alone”
- Statewide the comparable figures are:
 - 27.2% overall
 - 37% among women
 - 71% among men

Senior Households:

- 22.8% of all households (78,322 out of 344,099) include one or more individual age 65+
- 8.4% of all households (28,893) are composed of an individual age 65+ who is living alone
- Statewide numbers are virtually identical

Marital Status:

- Women are much more likely to be widowed and this percentage increases with age
 - 65+: 40.0% women widowed vs. 11.1% men
 - 75+: 55.7% women widowed vs. 18.8% men
 - 85+: 70.0% women widowed vs. 31.2% men
- Statewide the trend is comparable, but with slightly higher percentages for both widows and widowers due to higher mortality rates among African-Americans and individuals at lower socio-economic status

Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

- 10.1% of County senior population (n = 11,485) speak English “not well” or “not at all”
 - among those that speak Spanish the percentage is 44.1% (n = 3,266)
 - among those that speak Asian languages the percentage is 47.6% (n = 4,667)
- 51.5% of all LEP seniors statewide reside in Montgomery County (though only 17% of seniors overall reside in County)

Poverty (Federal Poverty Line)

- 65+ County
 - 5.9% below FPL
 - Higher among women than men (7.0% vs. 4.5%)
 - Higher among racial/ethnic minorities
 - White Non-Hispanic: 3.6%
 - Black 8.2%
 - Asian 9.9%
 - Hispanic 14.6%
- 65+ State
 - 7.8% below FPL
 - Higher among women than men (9.5% vs. 5.5%)
 - Higher among racial/ethnic minorities
 - White Non-Hispanic: 5.5%
 - Black 15.5%
 - Asian 9.9%
 - Hispanic 14.5%

Income by Home Owner vs. Renter

- 65+ County
 - 21.1% of homeowners are spending 35% or more of income for housing
 - 52.0% of renters are spending 35% or more of income for housing
- 65+ State
 - 23.5% of homeowners are spending 35% or more of income for housing
 - 46.4% of renters are spending 35% or more of income for housing
- 75+ County
 - 72.5% of homeowners have no mortgage (vs. 15.7% of those age 55-59)

Poverty using threshold of less than \$25,000 household income

- 65+ County:
 - 18.3% below \$25K
 - Higher among racial/ethnic minorities
 - White Non-Hispanic: 15.2%
 - Black 26.1%
 - Asian 26.3%
 - Hispanic 36.3%
- 65+ State
 - 30.4% below \$25K
 - Higher among racial/ethnic minorities
 - White Non-Hispanic: 27.4%
 - Black 40.3%
 - Asian 26.6%
 - Hispanic 37.7%